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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 44-645 4P

JACK LEON RUBY, AKA, . LEE HARVEY OSWALD DASH VICTIM DECEASED.
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RE BACKGROUND

TONY ~~LEONARDI~~, MANAGER OF THE PLAYHOUSE CAFE, FIVE FIVE ZERO
NORTH CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ^{III} ADVISED SAS WILLIAM A. MEINCKE AND
JOSEPH G. SHEA ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE THAT HE HAS BEEN
~~Associated with the~~ ~~OPERATION OF STRIP JOINTS IN CHICAGO FOR OVER~~
TWENTYFIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW PRACTICALLY EVERY OWNER
AND MALE EMPLOYEE IN SUCH BUSINESS OVER THE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT
JACK RUBY WAS NEVER ASSOCIATED IN THE NIGHTCLUB BUSINESS IN ANY WAY
IN CHICAGO FOR THE PAST TWENTYFIVE YEARS. LEONARDI ADVISED THAT
HE FEELS THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT RUBY MAY BE CONFUSED WITH ONE
HARRY RUBENSTEIN WHO WAS A SUCCESSFUL STRIP JOINT OWNER FROM NINETEEN
FORTYSIX TO SOMETIME IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES. HARRY RUBENSTEIN HAD

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FREQUENTED A GAMBLING PLACE FORMERLY OPERATED BY JOE TUCHMAN, NOW DECEASED, IN THE VICINITY OF DAMEN AND DIVISION STREET IN CHICAGO. RUBY, ACCORDING TO WARSHAWSKY, WAS A SMALL TIME BETTOR AND FREQUENTED THE PLACE MORE FOR THE FREE FOOD WHICH WAS OFFERED IN THOSE DAYS THAN FOR GAMBLING ACTIVITY. WARSHAWSKY SAID THAT RUBY WOULD PUT DOWN A QUOTE FEW BETS UNQUOTE EACH WEEK OF SMALL SIZE. IN THOSE DAYS RUBY WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A QUOTE LONER UNQUOTE AND THAT HE HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS. WARSHAWSKY KNEW HIM AS A LOUD AND BOISTEROUS INDIVIDUAL WITH A QUICK TEMPER. WARSHAWSKY ADVISED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, RUBY HAS HAD NO CONNECTION WITH ANYONE IN CHICAGO FOR MANY YEARS.

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CG SIX FOUR NINE EIGHT DASH PC WAS CONTACTED BY SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER ON ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE BUT AT THAT TIME HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF RUBY. ON ELEVEN TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE, CG SIX FOUR NINE EIGHT DASH PC ADVISED THAT HE HAD SOLICITED INFORMATION FROM POLITICIANS OF THE TWENTYFOURTH WARD, THE FORMER
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